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SUBJECT: COBALT STOCKPILE DISPOSAL

REF: (A) STATE 75052 (B) KINSHASA 3262

1. FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFO MAY BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY
REGARDING IMPLICATIONS OF COBALT DISPOSAL PROGRAM FOR
ZAIRE.

2. (A) EXISTING LEGISLATION PROVIDES FOR DISPOSAL OF
29,009,945 LBS. OF COBALT FROM STOCKPILES.

(B) CURRENT (FY-73) DISPOSAL PROGRAM IS FOR
12 MILLION LBS. AT ONE MILLION LBS. PER MONTH.

(C) DURING FIRST NINE MONTHS OF FY-73, GSA DISPOSED
OF 5.5 MILLION LBS. VALUED AT US DOLS 12.3 MILLION.

3. (A) DRAFT LEGISLATION SEEKS AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF
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ADDITIONAL 26,255,000 LBS. DISPOSAL PROGRAM FOR FY-74
HOWEVER WILL REMAIN AT 12 MILLION POUNDS, OR MILLION
POUNDS PER MONTH.

(B) AS POINTED OUT PARA 4 REF A, HOWEVER, BY
ACCEPTING LOWER PRICE GSA MAY MOVE ANNUAL SALES UPWARD
TOWARD 12 MILLION LB. LIMIT.

4. DURING CONVERSATION WITH SOCIETE GENERALE OFFICIALS
IN BRUSSELS, AF/ C DIRECTOR COHEN WAS TOLD THAT FY-73
COBALT DISPOSAL PROGRAM PRESENTED NO PROBLEMS FOR ZAIRE
PRODUCTION. ROGERS

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